

Jan. 29-80 Japantron

~~Black Employment Exchange~~

~~Mini-Conference On Employment~~

~~November 22, 1975~~

Agenda
Item No. _____

CITIZEN'S REQUEST TO SPEAK

I wish to speak ☐ for ☐ against subject of _____

Length of presentation is _____ minutes.

GIVE TO CITY
STAFF MEMBER

Print Name

Address

Date

Phone (for future contact)



PLANNING DEPARTMENT

JAMES R. WILLIAMS

400 CITY HALL ANNEX
801 NORTH FIRST STREET
SAN JOSE, CA 95110

TELEPHONE
277-5175

My first time to see ^{forward looking} a group of people
who are working so hard to improve
our community. You are to be

Complemented —. I am with you.

Perhaps in the future, we might be
able to work together to promote

an International Settlement in the

City of San Jose. because we do have
a large asian group. ~~Philippines~~ Chinese Korean
~~people~~ of Philippines descent & Vietnamese.

HEINLEN'S Chinatown

A lease dated June 20, 1887 was filed in the Recorder's Office of Santa Clara County from John Heinlen to

Wing Chung Yuen
Wing Fong
Queng Tai Sing
Sing Chung

Wong Kee
Quon Tai Wo
Wing Fong
How Kee

Sing Sing
Tuck Wo
Quong Hing Lung
Quan Tai

under which Heinlen agree to construct certain brick building on lot #195, 196, 197, 198, 201, and 204 block 19, White Addition for 13 Brick Buildings, He is to receive \$19.20 per month per buliding, and 4 more one story building for \$85.20 per month per building, and 123.00 for a certain 2 story building.

The Chinese lessees are prohibit by the term of the lease any alterations or erect any wooden building on the premises without the permission of the Landlord, also promissed to keep the Chinatown neat and clean, failing to do so, the landlord have the right to do it at the expenses of the tenants.

*Chinese Japanese Pilipino, Korean and Indo Chinese
Vietnamese are heavily Concentrated in the
San Jose and North County Regions*

International Settlement



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CITY PLANNING

July 30, 1980

COMMUNITY MEETING, AUGUST 6, 1980, 7:30 P.M.
WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH, 566 NORTH FIFTH STREET

Dear Property Owner:

Properties in the Jackson-Taylor Area of San Jose near the City's historic Japantown have been proposed to be rezoned. This proposal came from the Jackson-Taylor Task Force which was a cooperative study of the area's problems. The Task Force is composed of citizens appointed by the City Council representing community interests as well as the Planning Commission and City Council. The Task Force is recommending that the City rezone part of the study area to R-1 single-family residence district. Existing apartments, care homes, boarding homes, and stores would be "grandfathered" into the rezoning, and permitted to continue operating exactly as they are now, but no new ones could be established. (See the attached questionnaire for details).

The area to be rezoned is shown in gray on the attached map; it is now zoned mostly R-3 (apartments) and R-2 (duplexes) with a few scattered spots of commercial and industrial zoning. However, the predominant use overall is single-family residential.

Citizens are often concerned by the lack of adequate information available to them when their properties are proposed for rezoning. In response to this concern, the Planning Department has prepared the attached list of questions and answers about the proposed rezoning.

I hope the information will be helpful to you. If you need any further information, or if you just want to discuss the rezoning, please feel free to call Jim Williams of my staff at 277-5175.

Sincerely,

Gary J. Schoennauer
Director of Planning

GJS:edf

Attachment

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REZONING QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Q. Exactly what areas are proposed for rezoning?
 - A. The area shown in gray on the attached map is proposed for rezoning. The area shown in white on the map would not change.

2. Q. Why is this rezoning being proposed?
 - A. Its objectives are to preserve and enhance the character of the neighborhood by encouraging rehabilitation of the area's existing housing, to preserve moderate income housing stock, and to bring the area's zoning into conformance with the City's General Plan.

The General Plan is the City's guide for zoning and development. It designates this area for residential uses at densities of up to 8 and 8 to 12 dwelling units per acre which is consistent with existing development patterns. The plan also requires preservation of existing neighborhoods. This Plan was adopted in 1975 after a massive citizen participation process and included specific consideration of the Jackson-Taylor area.

The Jackson-Taylor Task Force, made up of citizens appointed by the City Council, recently completed an intensive 12-month study of this area, and unanimously recommended that it be rezoned R-1 in order to meet the above-stated objectives.

3. Q. What if someone owns an income property and does not intend to make any changes in the operation. What effect would the rezoning have on his plans to remain in operation?

- A. None.

4. Q. What uses does the R-1 district permit?

- A. Single-family houses, board and care homes for not more than six guests, family daycare homes in a single-family house for not more than 6 children, public schools, parks, etc. (It also permits Legal Non-Conforming Uses to continue -- See questions 7 to 18 below).

5. Q. How will the proposed rezoning affect property values?
 - A. The value of the area's developed stores, apartments, duplexes, board and care homes, and rooming houses should not be adversely affected because of the protections afforded to Legal Non-Conforming Uses (see below) by City ordinance.
6. Q. How will the proposed rezoning affect property taxes?
 - A. Taxes will not be affected in any way.
7. Q. What is a "Legal Non-Conforming Use"?
 - A. It is a building or land occupied by a use that does not conform to the regulations of the zoning district in which it is located but which may continue in operation because it was legal at the time it was established. For instance, an apartment built in the R-3 district could continue in operation even if it were rezoned to R-1 because apartments are permitted in the R-3 zone.
8. Q. What will happen to the area's stores, apartment houses, duplexes, rooming houses and board and care homes?
 - A. They will be "grandfathered" as Legal Non-Conforming Uses.
9. Q. How long can a Legal Non-Conforming Use remain in operation?
 - A. Forever, unless the owner chooses to terminate the use. If terminated, the use may not be reestablished (See #17 below).
10. Q. May Legal Non-Conforming Uses be sold, and still continue in operation?
 - A. Yes.
11. Q. Can private financing become available for Legal Non-Conforming Uses?
 - A. Yes, financial institutions offer financing because of the protections afforded to Legal Non-Conforming Uses.

12. Q. What if a Legal Non-Conforming Use is totally destroyed by fire, earthquake, or other accident?
- A. It may be rebuilt as it existed prior to being destroyed.
13. Q. Is fire insurance available for Legal Non-Conforming Uses?
- A. Yes, because they can be rebuilt as described above.
14. Q. Do owners have the right to carry out normal maintenance and repairs in Legal Non-Conforming Uses?
- A. Yes, as long as no structural alterations are involved. (This already applies to board and care homes). This remains true even if all or part of the building has to be temporarily vacated in order to do the work.
15. Q. May Legal Non-Conforming Uses ever be enlarged or structurally altered?
- A. Perhaps. Owners of Legal Non-Conforming Uses may apply for a special permit to allow expansion by 15% or less of the floor area of a building and/or to allow structural alterations. Such permits require a 4/5 vote of the Planning Commission and ratification by the City Council for approval. Only one permit may ever be obtained for a property.
16. Q. May a Legal Non-Conforming Use which is partially or entirely vacant when it is rezoned be occupied to capacity later?
- A. Yes. Legal Non-Conforming status is based on type of use, not quantity. For instance, rezoning to R-1 would not prevent future full utilization of a boarding house which is currently under capacity or of a store which is awaiting a new tenant.
17. Q. May the right to continue a Legal Non-Conforming Use ever be lost?
- A. Yes, if the owner discontinues the use. Discontinuance is shown by non-use, and other evidence of abandonment of the former use. For instance, if a rooming house were changed to a single-family use (say the owner rented it to a family), it could not be reused as a rooming house.

18. Q. How can I express my opinion on this rezoning to the City?

A. Two public hearings will be held by the City and the Jackson-Taylor Task Force will also hold a public meeting. You may come and voice your opinion at each meeting or you may communicate in writing.

The Jackson-Taylor Task Force meeting will be held on August 6, 1980 at 7:30 p.m. in the meeting hall of the Wesley Methodist Church at 566 North Fifth Street (1/2 block south of Jackson Street).

The first of the City's public hearings will be held by the City Planning Commission in the City Council Chambers, San Jose City Hall, 801 North First Street. You will be notified by mail of the date of the hearing about ten days before. The Commission's action is advisory to the City Council. The second hearing will be held by the City Council. You will be informed by mail of the date and time. The City Council makes the final decision on all rezonings.



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July 2, 1980

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Sincerely,

Jim Derryberry
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Acting Chief of Planning

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*Community Meeting Aug. 6, 80
7:30
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1. I Complement the Task Force for their time, ~~and~~ effort and bring the idea of revitalize this old town.

The subject property has valuable historical back ground of our city.

according to the "DAILY TIME", May 9, 1888 Pg 3 Mr. John Heinlen, owner of Heinlenvale.

Recorded a document that ~~he~~ in the office of the County Recorder that he is to ~~waiting to~~ Construct certain¹³ brick buildings to the Chinese Merchants on lot 195, 196, 197, 198 201 and 204 White Addition. ~~and later~~ by 1900, the San Jose China Town became the 2nd largest China Town in the world since then, that's particular area became known the public as "Chinatown".

Time has changed. Japanese, Philipinos also doing businesses in this area, and now the Korean, Vietnames and Indo Chinese have Concentrate in San Jose and North County Region. I feel personally if we develop Interna. Settlement in this old Chinatown, it would draw lots of visitor and help S. J. to become a Culture Center of our Nation.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

SAN JOSE CITY COUNCIL

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

January 29, 1980

AGENDA CLOSING: TUESDAY, 5:00 P.M., FOURTEEN DAYS BEFORE MEETING.

COPIES OF AGENDA ITEMS MAY BE EXAMINED IN ROOM 116 OF CITY HALL UNTIL 1:30 P.M. ON THE DAY OF THE COUNCIL MEETING, AFTER WHICH TIME THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS ARE REQUESTED TO FILL OUT "CITIZEN REQUEST TO SPEAK" CARDS, WHICH ARE LOCATED ON THE TABLE AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ENTRANCE. CARDS ALSO MAY BE OBTAINED IN THE OFFICE OF COUNCILMEMBERS OR IN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE PRIOR TO THE MEETING.

EVENING SESSIONS ARE BROADCAST BY STATION KSJS - FM 90.7.

ROLL CALL:

INVOCATION:

The Reverend Kosho Yukawa, Buddhist Church
Betsuin of San Jose

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Janet Gray Hayes

ADOPTION OF ORDERS OF THE DAY

ADOPTION OF ORDERS OF THE DAY INCLUDES ITEMS ON THE AGENDA ADDENDUM. AFTER THE ORDERS OF THE DAY ARE ADOPTED, ANY REQUEST FOR A VARIATION IN ORDER MUST BE APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL. IF YOU WISH AN ITEM TAKEN IN A DIFFERENT ORDER OR ADDED TO THE AGENDA ADDENDUM, PLEASE MAKE YOUR REQUEST NOW.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

1. Adoption of a resolution accepting a \$400 donation to the Almaden Branch Library from the Almaden Women's Club and authorizing transfer to the Library Gift Fund. (MGR)

CONSENT CALENDAR

THE CONSENT CALENDAR ON THIS AGENDA, CONSISTING OF ITEMS UNDER CATEGORIES 1 THROUGH 8, IS ACTED UPON IN ONE MOTION, AS THE ITEMS GENERALLY ARE ROUTINE. IF YOU DESIRE TO SPEAK ON A CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM OR WISH ACTION OTHER THAN THAT INDICATED, MAKE YOUR REQUEST AT THIS TIME.

1. MINUTES

- a. For Approval: None.

To Be Deferred: December 6, 11, 12, 13, 17, and 18, 1979, and
January 8, 15, and 22, 1980.

2. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

See Items 15, 16, and 17.

*J. Ray
Annin
266-2662*

3. ORDINANCES FOR FINAL ADOPTION - PASSED FOR PUBLICATION JAN. 15, 1980

- a. ORD. NO. 19937 - Adding to adjacent City Election Districts territories which have been annexed or consolidated but were not included within City Districts established on map mention in Charter Sec. 403.
- b. ORD. NO. 19938 - Change from the Public Entity Fund method to the direct reimbursable method of financing unemployment insurance costs and establishes a special Reserve Fund.
- c. ORD. NO. 19941 - Rezone northeast corner of Saratoga Avenue and Payne Avenue to A (PD) District. PDC 79-7-100.
- d. ORD. NO. 19942 - Rezone southeast corner of Story Road and Machado Lane to A (PD) District. PDC 79-11-207.
- e. ORD. NO. 19943 - Rezone south side of Roundtable Drive approximately 800 feet east of Roeder to A (PD) District. PDC 79-10-149.
- f. ORD. NO. 19944 - Prezone west side of Hanson Avenue approximately 250 feet south of Stevens Creek Boulevard to A (PD) District. PDC 79-10-151.
- g. ORD. NO. 19945 - Rezone northeast corner Montgomery Street and San Carlos Street to C-3 Commercial District. C 79-10-143.
- h. ORD. NO. 19946 - Rezone west side First Street between Clayton Avenue and Hawthorne Way to C Professional District. C 79-10-150.
- i. ORD. NO. 19947 - Rezone north side of Rose Avenue approximately 200 feet west of White Road to A (PD) District. PDC 79-10-141.
- j. ORD. NO. 19948 - Rezone east side Almaden Expressway approximately 700 feet north of Branham Lane to C Commercial District. C 79-8-107.
- k. ORD. NO. 19949 - Rezone northerly terminus of Sundown Lane approximately 700 feet north of Murtha Drive to R-1-B-6 and R-2 Residence Districts. C 79-8-104.
- l. ORD. NO. 19950 - Appropriates \$54,000 to the Cultural and Convention Facilities Fund to adjust personal services, non-personal services, and capital projects allocations.

4. CLAIMS

- a. Action on Claims. (ATTY)
- b. Claims for referral to City Attorney: Norman and Dorothy Saulan; Farmers Insurance Group (Teresa C. Foster); Mercury Insurance Group (Marina Nikitas); Anthony Louis Orozco; Werner Feller; Paul Silen; David L. Batdorff; William H. Spencer, et al.; Tracy J. Pfeffer Kimmel; and Elizabeth Edenfield.

5. TO BE SET FOR PUBLIC HEARING

HEARING DATE

- a. Community Development Block Grant application and the Housing Assistance Plan. (MGR) 2-5-80.
- b. Resolution approving map and declaring intention to vacate that portion of Pleasant Street between Julian Street and Guadalupe Freeway, Route 87, and setting public hearing. (PW) 2-26-80.

6. APPROVAL OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS

- a. Tract No. 6764 - Empire and Fifth Streets. 4 condo units, The Neishinn Corporation. (Resolution approving final map). (PW)
- b. Tract No. 6768 - Beswick & Poughkeepsie, 465 condo units, L. B. Nelson Corporation. (Resolutions approving plans, final map and contract). (PW)
- c. Approval of Master Plan for Cataldi Park. (PW)

7. CONTRACTS AND BID AWARDS

- a. Contract bonds for approval, if any.
- b. Approval of the purchase of the 10,000 square feet of land and the structures at 869 Spring Street from Leslie and Jean Gilpin for the Airport Approach Zone - South Project, \$75,000. (MGR)
- c. Approval of an agreement with Joanne Sanders for the City to lease the single family dwelling at 359 North 10th Street for the Community Development Block Grant Home Rehabilitation Program. (Cost to City: \$370/month). (MGR)
- d. Approval of an agreement with Natalie Vargo for energy monitor consulting services, not to exceed \$10,000. (PW)
- e. Approval of an agreement with Dale Stevens for energy management consulting services in connection with the Energy Retrofit Project, not to exceed \$10,000. (PW)
- f. Adoption of a resolution authorizing execution of a utilities agreement with the State of California for raising of two manholes on Route 85 at Kentwood Avenue, \$400. (PW)
- g. Change Order No. 2 - Lake Cunningham grading. Recommend Arthur "Buzz" Haskins for \$6,250 and three days extension. (PW)
- h. Change Order No. 5 - Trimble Road Pump Station. Recommend W. R. Thomason, Inc., for 61 calendar days extension. (PW)
- i. Adoption of a resolution authorizing payment of \$29,568.38 to Collegiate Custodian, Inc., for services rendered for custodial work during November and December, 1979 and 1980. (PW)
- j. Report on bids and award of contract: Cataldi Park Parcourse Exercise Circuit. Recommend low bidder, Landcon Landscape, for \$32,443.18. (PW)
- k. Report on bids and award of contract - San Jose/Santa Clara Water Pollution Control Plant maintenance and implement storage building fencing - 1979. Recommend low bidder, United States Steel Supply Division, Cyclone Fence, for \$14,470. (PW)
- l. Report on bids and award of contract - improvement of Capitol Expressway and Tuers Road. Recommend sole bidder, Andero Construction, Inc., for \$33,395.50. (PW)
- m. Award of Contract No. 6, Improvement District No. 78-153SJ (River Oaks Industrial Park). Bid opening January 25, 1980. (Supplemental memo to follow will contain bid results and recommendation for Council approval.) (PW)
- n. Adoption of "Resolution Awarding Bonds to Low Bidder" - Improvement District 79-159SJ (Coleman-Santa Teresa). Bond bids to be opened January 29, 1980, at 9:00 a.m. (Recommendation to follow.) (PW)
- o. Approval of agreement with Andrea Hirsch for paralegal services and authorizing City Attorney to execute such agreement on behalf of City. (ATTY)

8. ROUTINE LEGISLATION

- a. Request for approval of refunds totalling \$1,328.95 for erroneous weed abatement charges. (MGR)
- b. Adoption of a resolution designating the east side of Snell Avenue between Guiffrida Avenue and Tradewinds Drive a "No Truck Parking Any Time - \$50 Fine" area. (Council Referral 12-18-79-14J) (MGR)
- c. Report on bids and Award of Contract: (Public Auction to be held January 28, 1980, at 7:00 p.m., City Council Chambers. Recommendation to Council January 29, 1980).

<u>Address</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Minimum Bid</u>
473 Asbury Street	15 unit apartment	\$650.00
477 Asbury Street	14 unit apartment	650.00
682-684 Walnut Street	Duplex	650.00
316 W. Taylor Street	Single family dwelling	650.00
409 Hobson Street	Single family dwelling	650.00
421 Hobson Street	Single family dwelling...	650.00
461 W. Taylor Street	Single family dwelling	650.00
674 Spring Street	Church dwelling	650.00
(MGR)		

- d. Adoption of ordinance amending Section 2700.21 of the San Jose Municipal Code to provide for the deposit in the Vehicle Maintenance and Operating Fund of revenues received as a result of damage to City vehicles. (PW)
- e. Resolutions withdrawing territory from the Central Fire District: Guadalupe No. 18, Berryessa No. 41, Ryder No. 27-A, Evergreen No. 129, Story No. 30 and Monterey Park No. 88. (ATTY)

-----END OF CONSENT CALENDAR-----

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE CONSIDERED INDIVIDUALLY. AT 5:30 P.M. THE COUNCIL WILL RECESS FOR DINNER. IT WILL RECONVENE AT 7:00 P.M. TO CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARINGS, AFTER WHICH ITEMS NOT COMPLETED IN THE AFTERNOON WILL BE ACTED UPON.

9. COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Committee of the Whole Report, if any.
- b. Report of the Legislative Committee, if any.
- c. Appointment of Councilmember Iola Williams to ICC Subcommittee, whose purpose is to analyze the Industry and Housing Management Task Force Report. (MAYOR HAYES)
- d. Council Board/Committee assignments. (MAYOR HAYES)
- e. Recommendation of the Historic Landmarks Commission that the Council adopt a Historical Building Code as an additional section for immediate inclusion in the San Jose City Building Code.
- f. Request of Trixie Johnson, Chairperson of the Santa Clara County Industry and Housing Management Task Force, that the Council schedule a meeting with the Task Force during the month of February to discuss its reports and recommendations.

10. LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT

- a. Request for reconsideration of conditions of approval of a conditional use permit at the northeast corner of Hemlock and Baywood Avenue to allow conversion of a dwelling unit to an insurance office.
- b. Request of Shapell Industries of Northern California, Inc., for assistance in acquisition of right-of-way for extension of Calcaterra Drive across the Rajkovich property to Via Valiente.
- c. Annexation of MAYWOOD NO. 23. 0.84 acre located at the northwest corner of Bascom Avenue and Maywood Avenue, and west portion of Bascom Avenue right-of-way south of Fruitdale Avenue. Public hearing not required (100% annexation). (MGR)
- d. Annexation of STORY NO. 29. 2.28 acres located at the easterly terminus of Story Lane approximately 1,000 feet easterly of Clayton Road. Public hearing not required (100% annexation). (MGR)
- e. Annexation of BASCOM NO. 35. 0.47 acre located between Di Salvo Avenue and Ciro Avenue approximately 380 feet south of Forest Avenue. Public hearing not required (100% annexation). (MGR)
- f. Annexation of EVERGREEN NO. 88-A. 12.04 acres located on the south side of Aborn Road east of Bayshore Freeway. Public hearing not required (100% annexation). (MGR)
- g. Annexation of MONTEREY PARK NO. 89. 4.74 acres located on the east side of Monterey Road 1,000 feet south of Senter Road. Public hearing not required (100% annexation). (MGR)
- h. Annexation of MC KEE NO. 98. 10.96 acres located on the west side of North Capitol Avenue south of Berryessa Road. Public hearing not required (100% annexation). (MGR)
- i. Jackson/Taylor Task Force Report. (MGR)
- j. Adoption of a resolution endorsing the Association of Bay Area Governments' (ABAG) 1979 projections for regional planning purposes. (MGR)

11. GENERAL GOVERNMENT

- a. Appointments to Blue Ribbon Committee to prepare code of conduct, referred 1-8-80 (Item 11j).
- b. Resolution calling an election for June 3, 1980, to elect persons to Council Seats Numbers 1 through 10, and consideration of certain optional matters pertaining thereto. (CITY CLERK)
- c. Approval of first amendment to agreement with Envirotech Corporation clarifying term of agreement for supplying one Contract Coordinator and five Operators. (PW)
- d. Report on proposed penalty for utility company cuts of public streets five years after construction. (Council referral 10-2-79-12G) (MGR)

12. FISCAL AFFAIRS

- a. Adoption of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application (\$60,000) to the Federal Aviation Administration for a site selection study of a reliever Airport. (City's share: \$12,000). (MGR)

- b. Request for approval of appropriation amendments to the Parks and Recreation 1979-80 Capital Improvement Program. (\$1,061,000). (MGR)

13. PERMITS AND LICENSES

14. PUBLIC SAFETY AND WELFARE

- a. Administration to report on request from Supervisor Dan McQuorquodale for the City to join in passing an ordinance for the control of vicious animals. (Referred 11-13-79, Item 15i) (Deferred from 12-4-79 and 1-8-80)

5:30 DINNER RECESS

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

15. FILED FOR PUBLIC RECORD FOR PERIOD JANUARY 10 THROUGH JANUARY 16, 1980

- a. Application of A and B Bus Service before the Public Utilities Commission for authority to operate a commuter from Oakland to G.M.A.D. Plant in Fremont, California.
- b. BACOP Statistical Report for the month of November, 1979. (Copy on file in City Clerk's Office for review.)
- c. Communication from Colleen Perez in opposition to merger of Library Department and Parks and Recreation Department.
- d. Negative declaration from the Director of Planning on applications for environmental clearance.
- e. Communication from David Alvarido in support of an ordinance restricting the smoking of tobacco products in enclosed working locations in private or public employment.
- f. Public Works contracts and contract changes approved during December, 1979. (PW)

16. TRANSMITTED FOR ACTION OR REPORT

TRANSMITTED TO

- a. Complaint of Thomas J. Fox on condition of sidewalk at 1155 Emory Street. ADMINISTRATION
- b. Recommendations of Mrs. Asha Lata regarding traffic conditions in the area of Berryessa Road, Jackson Avenue and Commodore Drive. ADMINISTRATION
- c. Notice from the California Department of Transportation of intention to relinquish highway right-of-way (Road 04-SC1-87-6.0, Request No. 40368, Collateral Facilities M-5087 (4) (5)). ADMINISTRATION
- d. Request of the City of Rancho Palos Verdes that the Council support legislation calling for reallocation of existing sales and use taxes. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

17. SET FOR HEARING BY CITY CLERK

- a. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (TOPIC II) at southwest corner of North Tenth Street and East Taylor Street to construct a gasoline service station and to convert a dwelling to a non-dwelling use (office). Negative declaration granted. Planning Director recommended conditional approval. Planning Commission recommended conditional approval (7-0-0-)
File CP 79-10-53 HEARING DATE: 2-13-80

- b. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (TOPIC II) on the east side of Baywood Avenue 110+ ' north of Hemlock Avenue (368 South Baywood Avenue) to allow the conversion of a single-family house to an office. Negative declaration granted. Planning Director recommended conditional approval. Planning Commission recommended conditional approval (6-1-0).
File CP 79-11-54 HEARING DATE: 2-13-80
- c. PREZONING south side of Umbarger Road between Monterey Road and Senter Road from County to M-1 Manufacturing District to allow light industrial uses on 2.4+ acres. Negative declaration granted. School availability not applicable. Planning Director recommended approval. Planning Commission recommended approval (7-0-0).
C 79-11-201 HEARING DATE: 2-13-80
- d. REZONING north side of Camden Avenue between Los Rios Drive and Franciscan Way from R-1-B-3 Residence District to R-1-B-8 Residence District to allow single-family detached residential uses on 2.1+ acres. Negative declaration granted. School availability resolved. Planning Director recommended approval. Planning Commission recommended approval (7-0-0).
C 79-3-32 HEARING DATE: 2-13-80
- e. REZONING northwest corner of South Fourth Street and East San Fernando Street from C-3 Commercial District to A (PD) District to allow a 29,000 square foot branch bank, mixed use commercial, professional office, and/or up to 200 units of residential and parking facilities for up to 400 cars on 2.62+ gross acres. Negative declaration granted. School availability pending. Planning Director recommended approval. Planning Commission recommended approval (6-0-1).
PDC 79-11-217 HEARING DATE: 2-13-80
- f. PREZONING AND REZONING northeasterly side of Monterey Highway, both sides of Tennant Road, from County and R-1-B-6 Residence District to A (PD) District to allow 178 single-family detached dwellings on 29.1+ gross acres. Negative declaration granted for part of project site under File No. PDC 79-4-56. Environmental impact report for part of project site under File No. C 77-12-268. Planning Director recommended conditional approval. Planning Commission recommended conditional approval (6-1-0).
PDC 79-11-206 HEARING DATE: 2-13-80
- g. REZONING north side of West San Carlos Street 650+ ' westerly of Meridian Avenue from R-2 Residence District and M-1 Manufacturing District to A(PD) District to allow 12 single-family attached residential units and expansion of existing restaurant on 4.166+ acres. Negative declaration granted. School availability pending. Planning Director recommended approval. Planning Commission recommended approval (7-0-0).
PDC 79-10-145 HEARING DATE: 2-13-80
- h. REZONING between Madden and Mather 500' east of Jackson from R-3 Residence District to A (PD) District to allow 68 single-family attached residential units on 3.26+ acres. Negative declaration granted. School availability pending. Planning Director recommended conditional approval. Planning Commission recommended conditional approval (6-1-0).
PDC 79-10-146 HEARING DATE: 2-13-80

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE SCHEDULE

JANUARY 24, 1980

Proposed Charter Amendments	9:00 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.	ROOM 114
Roads Committee Report	10:35 A.M. to 11:45 A.M.	

JANUARY 30, 1980 (WEDNESDAY)

Quarterly Budget Review	9:00 A.M. to 11:45 A.M.	COUNCIL CHAMBERS
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FEBRUARY 7, 1980

Sodium Light Study	9:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.	ROOM 114
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FEBRUARY 14, 1980

Senior Citizens Commission	9:00 A.M. to 9:20 A.M.	ROOM 114
Suggestion Award Commission	9:30 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.	
Youth Commission	10:00 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.	
Parks & Recreation Commission	10:30 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.	

FEBRUARY 21, 1980

Conditional Use Permits	9:00 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.	ROOM 114
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NOTE: APPLICATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED FOR THE TENANT-LANDLORD HEARING COMMITTEE. Deadline for filing applications is 5:00 p.m., Friday, February 15, 1980. Applications are available in City Clerk's Office, Room 116, City Hall, or by mail.

THE COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 12, 1980, HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED TO WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1980.

THE COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 18, 1980, HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

7:00 P.M.

SAN JOSE CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

January 29, 1980

ALL REQUESTS TO CONTINUE PUBLIC HEARINGS MUST
BE MADE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MEETING.

18. ANNEXATIONS

19. ASSESSMENTS

- a. PUBLIC HEARING on proposed acquisitions and improvements for Improvement District No. 78-152SJ (Santa Teresa-Great Oaks).

20. MISCELLANEOUS

21. ZONINGS

- a. PUBLIC HEARING ON CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (TOPIC II), on the south side of Willow Street between Lincoln Avenue and Coolidge Avenue to allow the conversion of an existing apartment to a condominium. Exempt from environmental review requirements. Planning Director recommended denial. Planning Commission recommended denial (4-1-1), File CP 79-9-47. (Continued from January 15, 1980.)
- b. PUBLIC HEARING on COUNCIL-INITIATED REZONING at the northwest terminus of Wooster Avenue between Coyote River and Highway 101 from R-1 Residence District to M-1 Manufacturing District, File CC 79-11-205.
- c. PUBLIC HEARING on COUNCIL-INITIATED PREZONING the north side of Yerba Buena Road 200 feet east of Villa Vista Road from County R1-2.5 Ac. to A-Agricultural District to facilitate Evergreen No. 134 Annexation, File CC 79-11-210.
- d. PUBLIC HEARING on COUNCIL-INITIATED PREZONING the north side of Lewis Road to Umbarger Road approximately 815' east of Monterey Highway from County to I Industrial District, File CC 79-12-221.
- e. PUBLIC HEARING on PREZONING the west side of Capitol Avenue 342' north of Penitencia Creek Road from County to A (PD) District to allow 200 single-family attached units on 9.8 acres. Negative declaration granted. School availability resolved. Planning Director recommended conditional approval. Planning Commission recommended conditional approval (6-0-1), File PDC 79-7-93. (New hearing. Previously heard 12-4-79.)
- f. PUBLIC HEARING on proposed ordinance permitting special sales of hand-produced goods and wares in residential districts ("Holiday Boutiques").

22. EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT

- a. Request for Executive Session (settlement of Claims and other matters, if any.)

23. ORAL PETITIONS

(Oral Petitions will be heard after all matters on the printed Agenda have been considered.)

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SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

NEW YORK CITY COURTS

IN SENATE

APRIL 11, 1911

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER OF THE LAND OFFICE

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San Jose's Red Star Laundry in earlier times when horse-drawn wagons still were in use

Legendary laundry still growing

By Miles Corwin
Staff Writer

Four years ago an irate customer wrote Red Star Laundry demanding, "Why do you have a Red Star emblem that we recognize as the symbol of Russian Communism?"

The letter impugned the company's patriotic spirit, so general manager Martin Feldman scoured the files and found a picture taken shortly after the laundry opened in 1890 at 12th and Charles streets in San Jose.

"The red star was prominently displayed on the delivery carts," Feldman recalled. "I reminded the customer that we used that red star 27 years before the Russian Revolution."

A San Jose business that has been around longer than an established political system is an accomplishment in an era when city businesses often have the longevity of a banana republic.

Red Star Laundry has survived several different owners, automation, computerization and leisure suits.

Monday it will move for the first time in 55 years, but two



Martin Feldman

things will remain as they have been for 90 years — the firm will still be in San Jose and the Red Star name will be retained.

The laundry has been at its

present location at 360 Park Ave. since 1925. Its new plant is on McKendrie Street. The new structure affords the industrial laundry the room to expand and automate all operations, Feldman said.

Today the billing room is filled with computers and the washing machines are gone — all cleaning is done at Red Star's Oakland headquarters.

During Red Star's early days everything was done by hand on the premises; the firm manufactured its own soap and made all deliveries in three horse-drawn wagons, Feldman said. The company did most of the laundry work for about 1,200 students and professors at Stanford.

The most famous employee was a Stanford Red Star campus agent. The agent, a young engineering student named Herbert Hoover, later became the 31st president of the United States.

Evelyn Biasotti, 79, began work for the laundry in 1921. She marked the dirty clothes, wrapped them after the washing and then put the bundle on a cable for the drivers.

"I made \$18 a week then. Now they make \$18 an hour," she said

with a laugh. "The neighborhood sure has changed. In those days there were a lot of Italian people, neighborhood stores and no bars! I wish I had a moving picture camera back then."

Her son is now a supervisor for Red Star. He tells Mrs. Biasotti, now retired, about the innovations.

"They've got computers and machines to do what we all did by hand. They've got things I never heard of."

In the company's early days it was a home laundry. Today it is strictly industrial and is owned by the multinational firm ARA Services Inc.

Simon Epstein, a district manager, has worked for the company 30 years. The attitude of the working man is one of the biggest changes he has seen in his years with the company.

"People are much more image conscious. Ten years ago everyone wore dirty coveralls and had them laundered about once a week. Today they wear dacron-cotton shirts and pants and change them almost every day.

"I guess everyone is a little more vain."

Crashes clog Highway 17; driver dies

SCOTTS VALLEY — Thousands of motorists were late to work Wednesday as the result of a series of predawn accidents in heavy rain along fog-shrouded Highway 17. One man died and several were injured in the accidents.

Robert Quiles, 27, Felton, lost control of his small pickup truck near the Glenwood Road cut-off at about 4:45 a.m., knocking down a utility pole, which fell across the highway.

Seconds later, Orion Lee Pursley, 59, of Mount Hermon, failed to see Quiles trying to wave him to stop and was killed when his small sedan rammed into the power pole, shearing off the top of his car. Witnesses estimated visibility at less than 50 feet at the time.

At that moment, John McGehee, 21, San Jose, was northbound on the highway and had just heard over his CB radio of an accident ahead.

"I said 'Where?' and at that moment I ran over the power lines," said McGehee later. He did not know the lines which had become entangled in the grille and around the side view mirror of his van were two live 21,000-volt PG&E electric lines, plus a low voltage phone line.

"The guy in the pickup (Quiles) looked up and said, 'Well, I'm alive.' Then I went up to the other vehicle and the guy inside (Pursley) was breathing real hard.

"He had a big bump on his head and blood coming out of his nose.

"I jumped back in my van (a contract mail truck) and got on the CB again to tell about the accident. Someone came on and said the CHP was on the way. I was in and out of the van three times, stepping over those lines.

"I didn't even see that pole until after I was already on top of the lines. Later, when a CHP officer told me the lines were high power and hot, I turned pasty white."

Shortly before McGehee's van arrived, Henry Silva, 44, of San Jose, drove his 1973 station wagon over the hot wires.

"I was going only about 35 mph because that cloud was so thick I couldn't even see 12 feet in front of me," Silva said. He and his wife, Navarro, were returning from an all-night fishing trip to the Santa Cruz Pier.

"I was soaking wet — my clothes, shoes, even my socks. I managed to slow down to around 7 mph as I drove through the tangled wires," he said.

"I managed to steer around the pole, but as the lines passed over the car, I got a light shock. It wasn't enough to burn me, but I felt it."

The CHP rerouted all traffic off Highway 17 onto adjacent narrow mountain roads. For a while, the CHP on the Santa Clara County side led a "round robin" series of one-way caravans up and down Old Santa Cruz Highway to bypass the accident scene.

On the Santa Cruz side, officers said they detoured traffic for about eight miles onto Glenwood Drive. Highway 17 was completely blocked for 3½ hours and was not fully reopened until 11:30 a.m., almost seven hours after the initial crash.

Japantown must be revitalized if it's to survive, panel says

By Gary E. Swan
Staff Writer

A "new" San Jose Japantown, with a large Torii Gate spanning Jackson Street at the entrance to a mall filled with Japanese restaurants and shops, is recommended in a city planning department report.

The report, following a six-month study by a task force of merchants and residents of the area, urges that the city and Japantown commercial interests begin immediate revitalization of the area.

An upbeat Japantown, with plenty of parking and interesting cultural attractions, could become a popular spot for businessmen and tourists and help in the overall revival of the downtown area, said the planning report.

Beyond that, the report noted, a new face for Japantown may have a lot to say about whether the neighborhood can

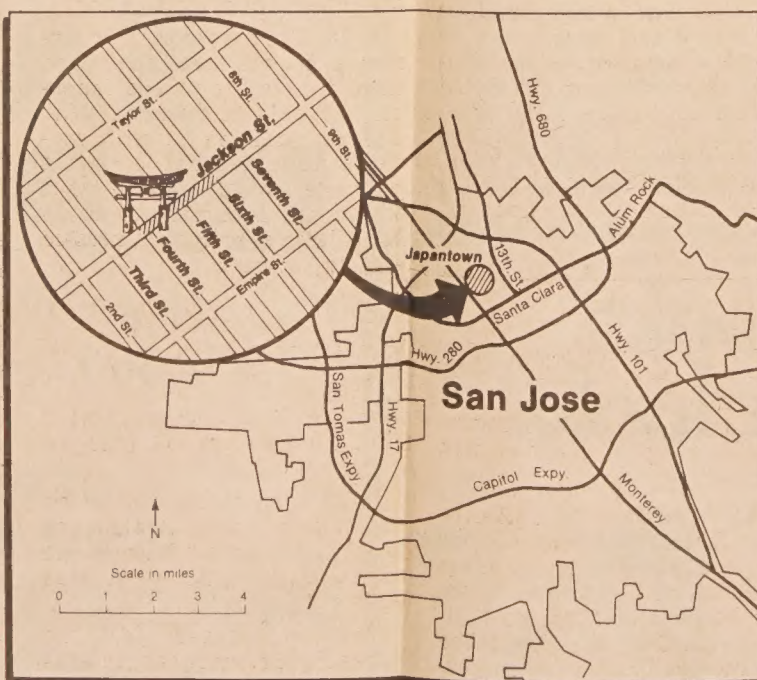
continue as a distinctly ethnic community with the passing of the older generation of merchants.

"If Japantown does not adapt to serve the needs of these new groups (businessmen and tourists) it will wither away," the planning report stated, "but if it can adapt it will survive and prosper."

City Councilman Tom McEnery, a resident of the neighborhood and a member of the Jackson-Taylor Area Task Force, said talks have centered on a mall with limited vehicle access — similar to Santa Cruz's Pacific Garden mall. McEnery said the city might help fund the project, much as it helped merchants restore the San Pedro Square area in downtown San Jose.

The city council is scheduled to discuss the report Jan. 29.

"The private sector in the area has been in the lead for the idea and the city will do



With help it could become a tourist attraction

Study of 5 major California cities

70% of S.J. landlords bar kids

By Connie Skipitares
Staff Writer

A housing discrimination study of San Jose and four other major California cities indicates 70 percent of apartment landlords in the city won't rent to families with children.

The report, conducted by the Fair Housing Project of Santa Monica, ranked San Jose second highest in incidence of landlord discrimination against children among the five cities.

The survey shows landlords have not changed

their attitudes about renters with children since a year ago, when 70 percent also said they would deny housing to people with kids.

Eight percent of San Jose landlords place age restrictions on rental housing qualification.

In Los Angeles, 71 percent of apartment units ban children; in San Diego, 65 percent ban them, and in Fresno, 53 percent ban kids, according to the report.

In San Francisco, where a city ordinance pro-

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what it can to help," McEnery said.

Financing still is a question, however, said Aki Toyoshima, president of the Jackson-Taylor Business Association. Just how much money will be needed is not clear because of uncertainty about the overall size of the project.

The planning report noted that Community Development Block Grant money may be available, as well as financing through the Small Business Administration or local banks.

"The Pacific Mall in Gardena was built by Japanese money from Japan," the report noted. "The possibility of a similar funding source for the San Jose Japantown should be explored."

Merchants met last week with Rep. Norman Y. Mineta, D-San Jose, to discuss funding possibilities. Mineta, the former San Jose mayor, owns an in-

surance agency on Jackson Street.

The planning report noted that plans under consideration include a Japanese Torii Gate

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Forecast is fair for change

Scarcely a trace of rain fell in Santa Clara County Wednesday.

San Jose received .03 inches of rain in the 24 hours ending at 4 p.m., while Santa Clara received .04 inches.

The National Weather Service prediction called for partially clear skies today with light showers in the morning, clearing by evening. The weather service said it will be fair and cooler Friday and fair and mild on the weekend.

The weather in San Jose hasn't been fair and mild in 1½ weeks. Since Jan. 8, the city has received nearly four inches of rain.

It was rainy in the Sierra Nevada yesterday, with snow levels today expected to be 5,000 feet at Lake Tahoe and 7,000 feet in Yosemite National Park. Rain was predicted below those levels.

Inside:

A parent license

A suggestion that potential parents be licensed as a means of combating growing violence in our society was advanced Wednesday by Dr. Glenn W. Hoffmann, superintendent of Santa Clara County schools. "We have no guarantees that a parent knows what he or she is doing," Hoffman said during an "Issues in Justice" forum in San Jose.

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The Valley Log

Bring lunch to de Saisset

De Saisset Art Gallery and Museum at the University of Santa Clara offer a unique way for area residents to spend their lunch hour Friday.

The gallery will hold an open house from noon to 1 p.m. to introduce three new art exhibits.

At noon, Dr. Brigid Barton, de Saisset director, will give an informal preview of the three shows. After her brief talk, participants can view the exhibits accompanied by a gallery docent.

There is no charge and participants are invited to bring their lunches to eat during the lecture. Coffee will be served.

On display are a collection of 16th Century Italian prints; photographs of Venice, Italy, by Gerri Della Rocca de Candal, and a group show by four artists who work with paper.

The de Saisset is on the SCU campus, just inside the main gates on The Alameda, near Franklin Street.

Upcoming

The Trianon is ready for the public.

Those who haven't had a chance to view the restored mansion on the De Anza College campus since its recent restoration are invited to a "Cupertino Day" open house Friday.

The 7:30 p.m. show opens a program by the California History Center, housed at the Trianon, of exhibits from 6-9 p.m. Fridays. History classes are conducted on other nights. The Trianon also is open from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. daily.

The history center foundation believes the community should have access to its services, and that the building should not be limited to students.

The open house honors a gift of \$50,000 from the city of Cupertino in 1976 to help restore the structure, designed in the 1890s by architect Willys Polk as a replica of Le Petite Trianon at the Palace of Versailles in France.

A special program outlining the history of the Cupertino area will be presented at the open house by Carolyn de Vries, a history center teacher.

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The San Jose Junior Women's Club plans varied activities next week, Stop Domestic Violence Week, and will launch the program with a conference at 10:30 a.m. Friday in City Council Chambers at San Jose City Hall.

Speakers include Assemblywoman Leona Egeland, D-San Jose; San Jose Mayor Janet Gray Hayes or Vice Mayor Jerry Estruth; Rep. Norm Mineta, D-San Jose, or a spokesman; J.D. Nielson, Northern California field director for Sen. Alan Cranston, D-Calif.; Bea Robinson of the Woman's Alliance and a representative of the Parental Stress Hotline.

Stop Domestic Violence Week has been proclaimed by Mrs. Hayes and Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr.

Today

The Santa Clara County Health Department

has scheduled four childhood immunization clinics this month, beginning with a session from 1-7 this afternoon at the Blossom Hill Health Office, 841 Blossom Hill Road, San Jose.

Other dates are:

✓ Jan. 22 and 29, 5-8 p.m., East Valley Health Office, 1989 McKee Road, San Jose.

✓ Jan. 31, 1-7 p.m., Blossom Hill Health Office, 841 Blossom Hill Road, San Jose.

By state law, all children under 18 must be vaccinated against polio, measles, diphtheria, pertussis (whooping cough) and tetanus.

Those immunizations, plus vaccination for mumps (for children up to 7), rubella (German measles) and tuberculin skin tests are available free to anyone under 18 at the clinics.

Flu immunization for senior citizens will not be given at the childhood clinics, the health department stressed.

Youngsters under 18 must have signed, informed consent forms from their parents or guardians. Rubella vaccine will be given to post-pubertal women only when accompanied by a parent or guardian.

For information, contact the department's immunization program at 279-6850.

People

Ray H. Collishaw of Monte Sereno, president of Collishaw Corp. in Santa Clara, is the new president of the Crippled Children's Society of Santa Clara County Inc.



Ray H. Collishaw

Collishaw heads an all-volunteer board of directors.

Last year, the society served more than 6,500 children and adults at its Santa Clara treatment center and Camp Costanoan in Cupertino.

Dr. Lawrence P. Percell is the new president of the San Mateo County Psychological Association.

Percell, who lives in San Jose with his wife and two children, is a senior psychologist for San Mateo County Mental Health Services and has a private practice in Menlo Park.

New president-elect is Dr. Thomas Samuels, a San Mateo psychologist and member of the county Mental Health Advisory Board. Dr. Richard Hayward, a clinical psychologist with San Mateo County, is the association's secretary-treasurer.

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Planning special events of general interest? Or know of someone who has won a significant honor? Please let us know by writing to Valley Log, San Jose Mercury, 750 Ridder Park Drive, San Jose 95190. Information submitted a week in advance and in writing will have a better chance of publication. Include the name and telephone number of someone who knows details. Notices of regular club meetings and events featuring entertainment should be sent to Listings, Mercury Living Department.

Suspect in Cambrian slaying arrested; gang ties claimed

By Bill Romano
Staff Writer

An ex-convict linked by police to a San Jose robbery gang was charged Wednesday with the murder of 72-year-old Aaron Nissenfeld, shot to death last week in his Cambrian Park home.

Police say the small, loosely organized group is believed responsible for a series of hold-ups across the city in recent weeks.

The gang's activity came under surveillance by a special robbery task force in the wake of the Nissenfeld killing.

Held without bail on suspicion of murder is 37-year-old David Lynwood Thompson, arrested Tuesday evening in a grocery store parking lot near San Jose State University.

Two other alleged gang members were apprehended Friday night following a high-speed chase in which officers exchanged gunfire with them.

Nissenfeld was slain Jan. 8 when confronted in his doorway by a gunman demanding money.

The robber, who claimed he hadn't intended to shoot, attempted to help Nissenfeld before fleeing on foot, according to the victim's wife, who witnessed the robbery.

Detectives believe a man waiting in a getaway car took off without the robber when the shooting occurred unexpectedly.

Police say the suspect hitched a ride to get out of the neighborhood. Upon learning of the slaying in the newspaper the next day, the motorist contacted authorities with a description of his passenger.

Thompson was arraigned Wednesday afternoon in Municipal Court. Judge George Bonney scheduled a bail hearing for Jan. 29.

The complaint charges special circumstances in that the slaying is alleged to have been committed during a robbery, and because Thompson, who has a record of prior convictions for forgery and grand theft, reportedly was armed with a concealed weapon.

Special circumstances found

to be true result in an automatic death penalty upon conviction.

According to police Lt. Robert Moir, police technicians have developed physical evidence to connect Thompson with the homicide.

Also in custody is Donald Ventura, who, along with Arnulfo Garcia, was captured in connection with the robbery of a sporting goods store.

Task force officers were following the gang's movements last Friday night when they observed a holdup take place at Ducommon's Sports Shop on Alum Rock Avenue and went in pursuit of the bandits.

Ventura and Garcia were nabbed on foot after their automobile crashed. The pair reportedly traded gunshots with pursuers before their arrest.

Garcia was later released from jail on bail.

A search was made of Thompson's apartment Wednesday, but police would not say what evidence, if any, was found.

Task force wants 'new' Japantown

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— "as an identifying symbol of Japantown" — spanning Jackson Street at North Fourth Street.

The gate would cost \$30,000-\$40,000, said Tomoo Inouye, owner of Fourth Street Pharmacy.

The planning report recommends that merchants should begin making plans to upgrade and improve their stores, and to recruit new stores and businesses to the area.

"Consideration should be given to recruiting new businesses with a Japanese accent from Japan as well as from the local economy," the report said.

Other changes suggested in the report were landscaping planters and Japanese street lanterns in place of the existing street lighting.

Also mentioned was the need for additional parking on Fifth, Sixth and Seventh streets where they cross Jackson.

The report said that the neighborhood should take advantage of its location near the civic center, the nearby industrial area and professional offices along First Street, whose employees need a place for lunch and noontime shopping.

Several merchants agreed Wednesday that the success of the project will have a lot to say about whether San Jose can continue to claim one of the few distinctly Japanese areas in this country and the heart of the city's Japanese community since the early part of the century.

The residential streets around the commercial district have lost some of their ethnic identity over the years, although city planner Jim Williams said Wednesday that the neighborhood still has more of the city's approximately 12,000 people of Japanese heritage than any other section of the city.

Wherever Japanese live in

the Santa Clara Valley, Williams said, they return often to Japantown.

But shop owners — primarily Nisei (second generation) who took over the businesses from their immigrant parents — are having problems keeping their sons involved, merchants said.

"We can't seem to attract the new blood," said Inouye.

Toyoshima said, "These changes could make a difference. We need the younger generation coming in."

The planning report noted the passing of the basic purpose of Japantown — to provide a place for the area's Japanese to meet, shop, worship and socialize.

"There has been little or no immigration from Japan for the last 50 years," the report said. And the primary language spoken by the children of those immigrant families is now English.

Hearing Friday on corridor plans

Sacramento Bureau

SACRAMENTO — The Assembly Transportation Committee will conduct a hearing in San Jose Friday to hear county and city plans for development of the Highway 85 and Highway 87 corridors.

Committee Chairman Walter Ingalls, D-River-

side, said the hearing will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the chambers of the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors at 70 W. Hedding St.

The hearing was requested by Assemblywoman Leona Egeland, D-San Jose, who said she thinks it is important for local officials to be aware of the Legislature's likely response to any plan involving state participation.

Witnesses scheduled include County Supervisor Rod Diridon, chairman of the Guadalupe Corridor Analysis Board of Control; San Jose Councilman Jim Self, a member of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission; Sid McCausland of the state treasurer's office; Peter Oswald of Caltrans; Mike Evenhoe of the California Transportation Commission; Ralph Balmer of the Sierra Club, and William Lahan of the Light Rail Coalition.

Four firemen hurt in crash

SCOTTS VALLEY — Four firemen suffered minor injuries Wednesday morning when the truck they were riding on skidded into a ditch off Glenwood Drive. The firemen, riding the back of the 1,000-gallon pumper, were thrown from the truck, according to a spokeswoman for the Scotts Valley Fire Department. They were treated at Santa

Cruz hospital and then returned to work.

The accident occurred at 7:15 a.m. as the crew was going to a reported car fire on Glenwood Drive. The call was a false alarm.

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California Democrats schedule presidential straw vote opposite Super Bowl

By Dale Lane

WHO says Democrats are more fun and Republicans more serious? For the second straight year California Democrats have scheduled their state convention to conflict with the Superbowl football game.

Last year they met in the Sacramento convention center. It didn't even have television sets for the delegates who wanted to cheat. This weekend's convention is in a hotel, the San Francisco Airport Hilton.

The presidential straw vote has focused unusual attention on the three-day session. As a rule only those who work the political fields for a living or as a hobby give a hang about the state convention of either party. The main excitement of the average conclave can involve the choice of adjectives in a meaningless resolution or the election of an assistant regional party treasurer.

The straw vote itself is meaningless. The June 3 California primary is too far away to be influenced much by it. However, two of the

three candidates, President Carter and Sen. Kennedy, are taking it seriously, so the press will too.

Jerry Brown's parents, Bernice and former Gov. Pat, will be there to plug for their son. The Brown-for-president organization, however, is looking the other way.

State Chairman Dick O'Neill has been criticized by Brown supporters, who think the poll was devised to embarrass the governor and bring still more ridicule on his presidential ambitions. Brown is expected to run a poor third this weekend.

However, O'Neill's counterpart to the north, Oregon Democratic Chairman Jim Klinoski, thinks the vote is a great idea.

"The political party needs bolstering," says Klinoski, a University of Oregon political science professor. "It's receding, losing ground. It must attract attention."

He proposed a similar straw vote in Oregon. The majority on his executive committee rejected the idea, seeing it as a vehicle to embarrass Jimmy Carter.

Jerry Brown has just over two weeks to decide if he wants his name to ride all the way through the presidential primary season.

A little noticed amendment slipped through the Legislature late last year to shorten drastically the time in which a potential candidate can take his name off the California ballot. The secretary of state lists for the ballot all established Democratic candidates. Under the old law, a candidate had until March 31 to have his name removed. That would have allowed Brown to wait until ten primaries and five sets of caucuses in other states were history before deciding whether to risk a big defeat in his own state.

Now he must decide by Feb. 3, when only the Iowa caucuses will have gone by.

A Senate-Assembly conference committee at the last minute inserted the amendment into a bill carrying a number of primary law changes, SB 843 by Sen. Bob Wilson, D-San Diego.

Kennedy was a doubtful candidate at that time. The new deadline may have been designed to put pressure

on him to make a decision. As it turns out, the measure could embarrass Brown, who allowed the bill to become law without his signature.

Fernando Chavez, San Jose attorney and son of United Farm Workers President Cesar Chavez, is Hispanic coordinator in Kennedy's Washington, D.C., campaign headquarters. There is a long relationship between the elder Chavez and the Kennedy family.

Joe Trippi, former San Jose State student body president and Santa Clara County Democratic Central Committee member, is working the hamlets of Iowa for Kennedy.

Bob Hansen, San Jose political consultant, is in Maine for Carter.

"I was in Florida in the summer," he says. "Now that it's winter, I'm in Maine."

Tom Hayden's Campaign for Economic Democracy has 11 Brown workers, headed by Steve Rivers, in New Hampshire. Expenses are being paid by the Brown organization.

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Iowans bring their kids to 'see a Kennedy' but the thrill is gone from Ted's campaign

DES MOINES, Iowa

THE thrill is gone from the Kennedy campaign in Iowa.

The candidate, his wide face ruddy from 5,000 miles of travel through raw winter winds, seems bewildered and subdued. Only occasionally is there a flash of the fire and fun that Democrats expect from a Kennedy in hot pursuit of the nation's highest office.

When he first declared that he would make Iowa a test of strength, Kennedy was only running against Jimmy Carter. But since then he has acquired Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini and Leonid Brezhnev as adversaries. His issues were to be energy and inflation. They have been buried under concern for international terrorism and aggression.

It seems hard to remember that he was pushed into the fight by Democrats who last summer were beating down his door and begging him to save the party.

The flame under the charisma has been turned so low it seems almost to have gone out, and the motivation seems muffled. Kennedy this week was telling Iowans to watch his forthcoming television commercials, which will "make it clear why I am in this race."

Carter has sent his wife, his vice

president and his agriculture secretary to lay it on Kennedy that his opposition to the recently imposed grain embargo is "unpatriotic."

To Kennedy's dismay, Main Street is in the grip of a special, almost sacred, obligation to stand with the president. Afghanistan is remote to them, but the captivity of the hostages is a personal affront, and they are seething over Kennedy's harsh characterization of the shah. Kennedy has been so scalded by that outburst of truth that he scarcely mentions Iran — and would not dream of pointing out that the crisis which has made Jimmy Carter "The President" was of his own manufacture.

Kennedy draws the biggest crowds of any candidate in the field. His arrival in a small Iowa town calls out the countryside. People who have no intention of voting for him feel compelled to come and bring their children "to see a Kennedy."

Some voters came still hoping to be swept off their feet — it would be the only excuse for deserting the president — but went away no more than satisfied that they had seen a celebrity close up.

Kennedy has been told that "the hot stuff" is not good for the Grant Wood types.

At the Knoxville bingo parlor, he is sitting down to speak at a table,



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and an uncharacteristic earnestness is apparent as he addresses the bundled-up assemblage. He talks so slowly trying to avoid the "uhs" that it is almost as if he were learning a new language or reading from an invisible teleprompter.

His wife, Joan, in a brilliant plaid suit, and his two polite children, Kara and Teddy Jr., sit on either side. He finishes his low-key pitch and takes questions.

A man wearing a flannel shirt and bifocals, says, "I wanted Kennedy to run in the worst way. I was all for him. But when he got into it, he sort of stumbled, and now I suspect I'll be for Carter."

It was not until the end of the day in the auditorium of the Ottumwa High School that there was a glimpse of the happy warrior of pre-announcement days. Suddenly, Teddy was in full voice, making the familiar Kennedy promise that things do not need to be the way they are.

Inflation, he shouted, is not inevitable. America need not be humiliated abroad. A president can work with Congress.

The audience came alive.

For a moment it seemed as if he had finally remembered why he had gotten into it and that he might really want to do it.

Kennedy does not mention either of his brothers by name. He may not wish to invite comparison of his campaign with either of theirs. He knows that his lacks the single-mindedness of Jack's, the intensity of Bobby's.

This looks like a Kennedy campaign. The high-powered operatives have been flown in from all over. The telephone banks are running full-tilt, the lists are made. The family has swarmed all over the state. There was an interesting headquarters argument over an appearance by Jackie — it was ruled out as being "too nostalgic."

But this Kennedy campaign will not remind too many Democrats of the others — it is a Kennedy campaign without a Kennedy.

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Hard-working Bush could beat no-show Reagan in Iowa

JANESVILLE, Iowa

THE night before the Iowa Poll revealed a catastrophic 24-point drop in Ronald Reagan's strength, the possibility that next Monday's caucuses could devastate his 12-year search for the Republican presidential nomination was raised by a vivid contrast here in east central Iowa.

Principal speaker for a party fund-raiser was George Bush. Sen. Howard Baker's daughter Cissy was present. So were campaign leaflets and posters for Bush, Baker, Connally, Crane and Dole. But there was no sign of Reagan — not a campaign button, not a poster, not a word — in Reagan's rural heartland.

"This is what we've been complaining about for months," a local Reagan loyalist told us. "There is no visible Reagan campaign."

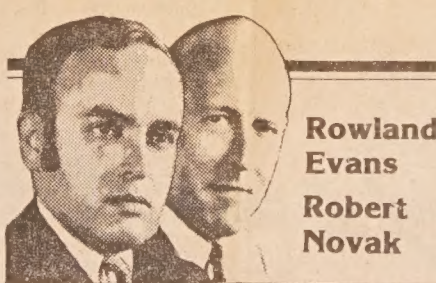
That absence, when compared with Bush's painstakingly built organization, suggests Reagan could fin-

ish second to Bush at Republican precinct caucuses Jan. 21. Reagan's overwhelming grass-roots popularity, counted on to negate Bush's organizational edge, has been undercut by infrequency of visits to Iowa, climaxed by his boycott of the Jan. 4 presidential debate.

Since Reagan's campaign is based on invincibility and inevitability, losing Iowa would not be easily overcome. Thus, the cautious strategy of campaign manager John Sears, undergirds a critical test.

Lt. Gov. Terry Branstad, 33-year-old hope of Iowa conservatives and a 1976 Reagan activist, repeatedly has warned Reagan headquarters of Bush on the march in Iowa. When he spotted Sears in the Fort Des Moines Hotel coffee shop the other morning, Branstad complained Sears had not returned his calls for months. The debonair Sears replied with a smile and his patented chuckle.

Branstad did get five minutes alone with Reagan himself during a rare Iowa stop Dec. 14, and gave him detailed advice: Come to Iowa often, not for one monster rally but to hit several towns; above all, participate



Rowland Evans
Robert Novak

in the debate. None of this advice was followed. Branstad now gives Bush at least an even chance to win.

Senior Reagan strategists privately admit they underestimated Bush. Although they denigrate his establishment backing as "the charity ball set," they admit he has locked up key local leadership. Although Bush at his best cannot match Reagan's charisma on an off-day, he will have spent 27 days in Iowa by caucus time; when Reagan comes to Iowa Saturday, it will be his sixth day.

Reagan's campaign did not reach full gear until December when Kenny Klinge, a skilled professional from Virginia, was dispatched to Des Moines. His phone bank has found

over 50,000 Iowa voters "favorable" to Reagan. Klinge feels that Bush's operation is bogged down with the 25,000 Republicans who attended the 1976 caucuses, while Reagan seeks new blood.

While Klinge hopes for 60,000 to 100,000 at the caucuses, most Iowans predict a maximum of 40,000 — the fewer the better, from Bush's standpoint.

But Reagan's hope in larger numbers is undermined by his refusal to debate. Steve Fausel, a young manufacturer attending Bush's rally in Burlington, told us he worries about Reagan's age and "electability" but is more familiar and comfortable with Reagan's issue positions than Bush's. Did Reagan's no-show at the debate bother him? "If he had debated," Fausel told us evenly, "I wouldn't be here tonight."

Second place in Iowa by Bush would make him Reagan's top challenger. A Bush win would change the world. "Just in case we lose," one Reaganite told us, "I'm glad John (Sears) will be in Des Moines caucus night to explain why it doesn't mean anything."

Americans don't want to give up anything to punish Russians

ORIGINALITY is much prized in writing, speaking, or any other enterprise dealing with ideas. Ordinarily there is little merit or satisfaction in adopting the theme, ideas, or words of someone else.

However, there are times when creative "me-too-ism" is called for. Parliamentary debaters "second the motion." Politicians "second the nomination."

Today, in like vein, I want to endorse and reinforce a column that appeared on this page last Monday under the byline of my syndicated colleague, Richard Reeves. I hope you read it.

He wrote that with America in trouble on many fronts, few Americans seem ready or willing to help by giving up anything.

• President Carter cuts back on grain sales to Russia, and the growers scream their heads off.

• We are at the mercy of OPEC for oil, but the oil companies refuse to honor gasohol purchases on their credit cards. (Exxon and Gulf have since backed down from their hard-nosed refusal, but grudgingly, it would appear.)

Reeves might also have noted the uproar that greeted the president's suggestion of a Moscow Olympics boycott, and the instant negativism of Don Miller, executive director of the U.S. Olympic Committee.

"I would see nothing being served," Miller said. "Such a proposal may be counterproductive, in that we are punishing ourselves by using our dedicated U.S. athletes as pawns in the international political struggle."

"Sad to say," Reeves wrote, "Exxon may be more symbolic of America today than we like to admit. Few of us are about to pledge our fortunes and our sacred honor to anything."

In the face of such attitudes, one must have considerable sympathy for President Carter, as he tries to free our hostages and deal with the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

By no means am I ready to endorse unequivocally the way the president is handling things; I don't think he has been half tough enough. But it must be discouraging to him that whatever modest step he takes to "tighten the screws" the shrillest outcry comes not from Tehran or Moscow, but from his own people here at home.

Consider how the Russians must be laughing. One can almost overhear them in the Kremlin, plotting which country to grab next and pondering the risk:

"Do you suppose, comrade, that we're ask-

ing for war?"

"Not with the Americans. They'll never lift a finger to stop us. Go to war? Why, they won't even call off the Olympic Games."

Needless to say, our attitudes do nothing for the president's bargaining position.

In a letter to the editor last Monday, Warren F. Chan of Fremont wrote, "Boycotting the 1980 games will not convince the Soviets to pull out of Afghanistan or carry any political significance whatsoever. It will only put an end to the hopes and dreams of our American athletes. Four years of training and competition by some of the world's best athletes will have been made meaningless."

Harry Farrell



Well, no one welcomes such a prospect, nor does anyone welcome the sacrifices implicit in the embargoes on grain and high technology equipment.

But as sacrifices go, which is preferable — the "hopes and dreams" of our athletes, or the price paid by 47,192 American battle dead in Vietnam?

Invariably, any special interest called upon for a sacrifice lately has denounced it as a needless sacrifice. It would not help to shut off the grain to the Russians, because other countries would sell it to them anyway. It would not help to embargo high-technology equipment, because it would be transshipped anyway through the Soviet satellite countries. It would not help to boycott the Olympics; we would be punishing ourselves instead of the Russians.

Perhaps no one of these actions would accomplish much by itself. But the same argument might have been used, beforehand, about almost single action we undertook in World War II, Korea or Vietnam. We never know for sure what will help till we try it.

But one thing we do know for sure: If we try nothing, we're licked before we start.

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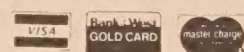
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